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1. SECRETARIAT PAPER CE(78)90 ATTEMPTS TO PULL TOGETHER
NORTH/SOUTH ASPECTS OF VARIOUS TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED BY
MINISTERS AND ARRANGE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION UNDER COMMON
"FRAMEWORK" OR "APPROACH". WE BELIEVE INSTEAD THAT SECRE-
TARIAT SHOULD KEEP TREATMENT OF N/S ISSUES INTEGRATED WITH
SEPARATE SUBJECTS (CONCERTED ACTION, POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT,
ETC.) AND NOT ATTEMPT TO FIT THEM UNDER, WHAT WE FIND UN-
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CONVINCING, ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK.

2. MOST OF PAPER WOULD THEN BE MADE UP OF PRECIS OF N/S
SECTIONS OF OTHER PAPERS GROUPED TO SHOW THAT MINISTERIAL
GIVING ADEQUATE TREATMENT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY INTERESTS
EVEN THOUGH IT HAS CHOSEN NOT TO MAKE MAJOR DECLARATION AS
IT DID LAST YEAR.

3. AS PAPER NOW DRAFTED ONLY ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION SECTIONS ARE NOT ROUGH SUMMARIES OF OTHER DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR MINISTERIAL. WE SUGGEST DROPPING THREE PARAGRAPHS ON ENERGY WHICH ARE TOO BRIEF AND LACKING IN USEFUL SPECIFICS. WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE SECTION

ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND WE ARE PLEASED BY REFERENCES TO NEED FOR MORE WORK ON BHN. AS NOTED REFTEL WE WOULD HOPE THAT SECRETARIAT WILL PRODUCE MORE BALANCED TREATMENT OF AID FLOWS.

4. FINALLY WE FIND SECRETARIAT PAPER NOTABLE FOR ITS FAILURE TO MENTION RECENT UN COMMITTEE OF WHOLE MEETING AND OPPORTUNITY COW PROVIDES FOR DC/LDC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. PAPER COULD REFER TO LDC CONCERNS EXPRESSED AT MEETING AND NOTE SOME TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS REGARDING MTN, ICAS AND COMMON FUND, RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, ETC. IT COULD ALSO UNDERLINE UNIQUE ROLE OF COW AS POTENTIAL FORUM FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSION AMONG HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS AS PART OF COMMON EFFORT TO MANAGE INTERRELATED GLOBAL ISSUES, BUT IT WOULD FAIL IN ITS MISSION IF USED BY LDCE TO NEGOTIATE NEW COMMITMENTS FROM DCS.

5. WE HAVE NOT COMPLETED LINE BY LINE ANALYSIS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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C(78)90. WE FIND SEVERAL SENTENCES WHICH NEED CLARIFICATION, FOR EXAMPLE PARA 18'S MENTION OF FACILITATING "GRANTING FURTHER SPECIAL TREATMENT IN TRADE FIELD" AND PARA 21'S VAGUE REFERENCE TO FUTURE DISCUSSION OF "PRACTICAL GUIDELINES" FOR ENERGY COOPERATION. THESE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS ONLY REINFORCE OUR BELIEF THAT, WHILE WE FIND SECRETARIAT EFFORTS TO FOCUS N/S ISSUES HIGHLY USEFUL, ENTIRE PAPER SHOULD BE RE-DRAFTED, ESPECIALLY TO AVOID BREAKING NEW GROUND WHICH REQUIRES POLICY DECISIONS SO SOON BEFORE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

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